affected by drought conditions in 1987 stating the areas most affected and how does it compare with the position in 1986 in Rajasthan and in various other drought affected areas in the country;

(b) what is the number of starvation deaths, if any, due to disease and infection among the children and adults in the drought affected areas in Rajasthan in 1987 as compared to the death incidents in 1986 in Rajasthan and other drought affected areas in the country;

(c) whether Government have made any analysis of the working of the Food for Work Programme, Expanded Immunisation Programmer Universal Immunisation Programme and other relief works in the drought affected areas; if so, what is the outcome thereof; and

(d) what are the salient features of short-term/long term plans, if any, drawn up by Government to tackle the problem in these areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of House, when received.

Protection of the Ganga embankment

689. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of West Bengal have urged the Prime Minister to immediately sanction Rs. 11 crores for the protection of the Ganga embankment; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in relation thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government are to update the estimates and obtain sanction. In the meantime, the Ministry of Railways have agreed to share the cost to the tune of Rs. 2.55 crores.

Insecticides etc. approved by registration Committee

690. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the Insecticides, Fungicides, Herbicides which have been approved by the Registration Committee of C.I.B. u/s 9(3) of the Insecticides Act as on date;

(b) what are the products pending before the Registration Committee for registration u/s 9(3) and 9(3B) of the Insecticides Act separately as on date alongwith the names of the parties and their addresses, product-wise, party-wise and since when; and

(c) what are the norms, conditions and criteria laid down by the Registration Committee for conversion of Registration from u/s 9(3B) to u/s 9(3) of the Insecticides Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) A list of the insecticides/fungicides/herbicides which have been approved by the Registration Committee under Section 9(3) of the Insecticides Act is given the Annexure [*See* Appendix CXLIII, Annexure No. 38]

(b) A statement showing the products (Insecticides-Tech.) pending before the Registration Committee for registration under Section 9(3) is given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLIII, Annexure No. 39 'A'] Similarly, a statement showing the products pending before the Registration Committee for registration